CBI raids in DCGI office

1891. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the offices of Drugs Controller General of India had been raided by the CBI; and

(b) if so, the details of recoveries made and the action taken against the officials involved in corruptions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. CBI had conducted raid at the residence of a Assistant Drug Controller, Directorate General of Health Services and registered a case for possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. On the advice of CBI the concerned officer has been suspended.

Maternal mortality in Orissa

1892. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government has been able to reduce the maternal mortality rate in the State with help of United Nation Fund for Population Affairs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in spite of its best efforts the State Government is facing certain problems; and

(c) if so, the details of the help rendered by the Centre to the State to overcome such impediments in controlling the MMR in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The maternal mortality rates as estimated for major states by the Registrar General of India for the year 1997 and 1998 is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). As per the latest (1998) estimates of RGI, the MMR of Orissa stands at 367 per 1,00,000 live births which is lower than the national average of 407 per 1,00,000 live births and also stands lower than UP